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From: Hestmark, Martin
Sent: Wed 9/23/2015 5:54:25 PM
Subject: RE: Draft ARSG Letter to WQCC

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Thanks Dave. PS – what are the existing WQS on Cement Creek?

From: Moon, Dave
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 10:47 AM
To: Hestmark, Martin; Garcia, Bert; Stavnes, Sandra
Cc: Spence, Sandra
Subject: RE: Draft ARSG Letter to WQCC

Martin

I haven't spoken with ARSG, or the WQCD, but from the ARSG letter it appears they are interested in reviewing the WQS for the upper portion of the basin (down to Baker's Bridge). Several segments in the upper basin have numeric standards that were calculated, starting with the conditions that existed at the time (about 2001), and subtracting out loads (multiple sources) thought to be reversible via remediation. This method of deriving numeric wq criteria is of course different than what is typically done, but there are several examples where this approach has been used at Colorado mine sites (Eagle River, Willow Creek). Keep in mind that the rulemaking hearing (the end zone) is scheduled for June of 2017, and the purpose of the Issues Scoping hearing next month is to kick off the triennial review process.

It sounds like ARSG is planning to update the numbers, but there might also be proposals to revise use classifications (e.g., decisions about where aquatic life use protection is required).

Dave

From: Hestmark, Martin
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 10:36 AM
To: Garcia, Bert; Stavnes, Sandra
Cc: Spence, Sandra; Moon, Dave
Subject: RE: Draft ARSG Letter to WQCC

Do we have a sense of how they are proposing to revise these standards?

From: Garcia, Bert
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 9:46 AM
To: Hestmark, Martin; Stavnes, Sandra
Cc: Spence, Sandra; Moon, Dave
Subject: FW: Draft ARSG Letter to WQCC

FYI – ARSG proposing revisiting standards in Upper Animas Basin, for the June 2017 WQCC hearing.

Bert Garcia

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EPA Region 8

From: Wharton, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 9:21 AM
To: Spence, Sandra; Garcia, Bert
Cc: Moon, Dave
Subject: FW: Draft ARSG Letter to WQCC

Sandy & Bert – You may already know about this, but I wanted to make sure you saw the attached letter. It would be good to coordinate on the October WQCC hearing mentioned in the letter.

Thanks,
Steve

From: Wall, Dan
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 7:34 AM
To: Hestmark, Martin; Wharton, Steve
Cc: Fagen, Elizabeth; Spence, Sandra
Subject: FW: Draft ARSG Letter to WQCC

I wanted to make sure you all saw this.

From: Lewis, Brent [<mailto:b1lewis@blm.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 7:24 AM
To: Schmittiel, Paula; Wall, Dan; Fagen, Elizabeth; Way, Steven
Subject: Fwd: Draft ARSG Letter to WQCC

Hey Everyone,

This is interesting. Why isn't EPA cc'd on this stuff?

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Dear Stakeholders – Attached is a draft letter to the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) for its upcoming Issues Scoping Hearing in Oct. WQCC holds two hearings prior to its basin rulemaking hearing which is on a five year cycle. In other words, every five years WQCC holds a rulemaking on standards in the San Juan and Dolores River basins.

The Issues Scoping Hearing is designed to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act to review water quality standards every three years. It is short, perfunctory meeting that allows people to know who might be proposing what at the rulemaking hearing in June 2017. The hearing may last less than an hour, and the commission generally takes no action.

The next WQCC meeting on our basin will be the Issues Formulation Hearing in Nov. 2016 at which time WQCC will decide what issues it is willing to address at the rulemaking the next June.

If you have any questions or comments about the letter or process, please let me know. We will discuss it briefly at tomorrow night's meeting.

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